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Viewing cable 08NEWDELHI1321, MENON INDICATES FLEXIBILITY IN END-USE ISSUES FOR VVIP AIRCRAFT

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SUBJECT: MENON INDICATES FLEXIBILITY IN END-USE ISSUES FOR VVIP AIRCRAFT

Classified By: Ambassador David Mulford for Reasons 1.4 (B and D)

[1](#). (C) Summary: Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon told the Ambassador May 14 that, after reading and having his people analyze note 1 in Amendment 1 of the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) for the aircraft, EEUM Resolution Requires Negotiation
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[2](#). (C) In a May 14 meeting with Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon, the Ambassador urged him to begin "sensible negotiations" to resolve the insurmountable difficulties in EEUM
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[3](#). (C) Menon thanked the Ambassador for earlier providing Note 1 of Amendment 1 of the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) for the aircraft.

[4](#). (C) While he acknowledged that standard end-use monitoring had proven viable, EEUM for the LAIRCM had several problems, which he aimed to mirror those that the Indian government also wishes to enforce.

Details to Come
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[5](#). (C) Office of Defense Cooperation Acting Chief LTC Brian Hedrick clarified that the authors of the amendment relied on USAF standards because India shares U.S. interest in protecting LAIRCM
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[6](#). (C) Menon underlined that India shares the U.S. interest in protecting the LAIRCM technology. "We have a huge interest to make sure it is protected."
Comment: Menon's Flexibility Could Signal Quick Resolution
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[7](#). (C) In sharp contrast with Menon's hard-line demeanor when he first asked the Ambassador to withdraw the EEUM amendment, Menon displayed flexibility.

[8](#). (C) The Ambassador is well aware of the sometimes optimistic language of exchange with Indian officials turning out that he is well aware of the difficulties involved in the process.
MULFORD